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The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" With reference to the answer to sub-clause (iii) it is stated, ' Accordingly officers who had put in over 25 years' service and who had not been promoted to the selection grade were retired first.' May I ask the hon. the Minister whether it is not a fact that those who had put in 26 years of service, 27 years of service and 28 years of service and who have been debarred from going to the selection grade have been retained? If it is so, may I request the hon. the Minister to kindly consider the fairness, of allowing people who have just completed 25 years being retained ?"

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The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" No one with 26 years of service, unless he is already in the selection grade, is retained."

Granting of leave for retiring Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

166 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether any orders were issued that sub-assistant surgeons ordered for retirement should not be granted privilege or other leave to be availed of by them preliminary to retirement, and, if so, the date from which the above orders were given effect to ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 165. No particular date was fixed for giving effect to the order.

Appointment of Assistant Surgeons to taluk headquarter stations.

167 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he proposes to appoint Assistant Surgeons to all taluk headquarter stations ;

(*b*) whether sub-assistant surgeons of efficiency may not be posted to such stations ;

(*c*) the reasons why sub-assistant surgeons in permanent service were compulsorily retired and their places given to more highly-paid Assistant Surgeons ;

(*d*) whether a special Government Order was passed refusing leave of absence to sub-assistant surgeons compulsorily retired ;

(*e*) whether officers less than 50 years of age were compulsorily retired, while men over 50 years of age are still retained in service ; and

(*f*) whether the Government will allow these men compulsorily retired, to avail themselves of the full leave of absence to which they are entitled under the rules ?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

(*c*) The reasons for the compulsory retirement of Sub-Assistant Surgeons are given in the answer to question No. 165.

(*d*) & (*e*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 165.

(*f*) The Government are not prepared to reconsider the orders already passed.